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CURRENT MONTHLY DOMESTIC PRODUCTION AND TRADE STATISTICS

ESTIMATED INDUSTRY TOTALS BY REGIONS

	AUGUST 1980			AUGUST 31, 1980	
	Production	Shipments	Orders Received	Unfilled Orders	Gross Stocks
	(Million Board Feet)				
SOFTWOOD LUMBER:					
Southern Pine Region	614	600	558	470	1,222
Douglas Fir Region	614	622	581	522	902
Western Pine Region	707	720	692	387	1,177
California Redwood Region	145	137	133	148	408
Other Softwoods	133	133	125	234	249
TOTAL SOFTWOODS	2,213	2,212	2,089	1,761	3,958
% Change - July 1980	+11.5	+ 8.7	- 2.2	- 6.5	+ 0.3
% Change - August 1979	-17.7	-20.2	-22.7	-21.2	+ 0.7
HARDWOOD LUMBER:					
Southern Hardwood Region	287	260	258	202	745
Appalachian Hardwood Region	79	64	63	*	*
Other Hardwoods	204	180	179	62	956
TOTAL HARDWOODS	570	504	500	264	1,701
% Change - July 1980	0.0	+ 5.9	+ 8.2	- 1.5	+ 4.0
% Change - August 1979	-13.6	-18.7	-15.7	-38.2	+74.1
TOTAL LUMBER	2,783	2,716	2,589	2,025	5,659
% Change - July 1980	+ 8.9	+ 8.2	- 0.3	- 5.9	+ 1.2
% Change - August 1979	-16.9	-19.9	-21.5	-23.9	+15.4
* Included in Other Hardwoods					
	(Thousand Board Feet)				
FLOORING:					
Oak Flooring Region	---	7,033	---	3,9[illegible]	9,357
Maple Flooring Region	1,830	1,775	1,319	7,04[illegible]	1,959
	(Thousand Square Feet 3/8" Basis)				
SOFTWOOD PLYWOOD:					
Total All Regions	1,479,008	1,372,432	1,207,314	552,031	264,992
% Change - July 1980	+11.5	+11.2	-11.7	-24.0	+ 9.0
% Change - August 1979	-19.5	-27.6	-37.4	-56.5	-11.7

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED ANNUAL RATES

PRODUCTION

	Aug.'80	Percent Change From July'80	Percent Change From Aug.'79
	(Million Board Feet)		
Southern Pine Reg .	7,288	+ 7.3	-15.4
Douglas Fir Reg . .	7,216	+ 3.8	-10.5
Western Pine Reg. .	7,899	+ 8.7	-24.3
Calif. Redwood Reg.	1,684	- 7.8	-20.8
Other Softwoods . .	1,535	+ 4.8	-17.4
Total Softwoods .	25,622	+ 5.4	-17.6
Total Hardwoods .	6,577	- 1.2	-13.6
TOTAL LUMBER. .	32,199	+ 4.0	-16.8

SHIPMENTS

	Aug.'80	Percent Change From July'80	Percent Change From Aug.'79
	(Million Board Feet)		
Southern Pine Reg .	6,984	+ 4.5	-19.9
Douglas Fir Reg . .	7,275	+12.2	-12.8
Western Pine Reg. .	8,060	- 0.9	-26.2
Calif. Redwood Reg.	1,564	-17.5	-19.0
Other Softwoods . .	1,526	+ 2.1	-19.9
Total Softwoods .	25,409	+ 2.9	-20.1
Total Hardwoods .	5,866	- 1.6	-18.7
TOTAL LUMBER. .	31,275	+ 2.0	-19.9

YEAR-TO-DATE DOMESTIC LUMBER PRODUCTION AND TRADE STATISTICS

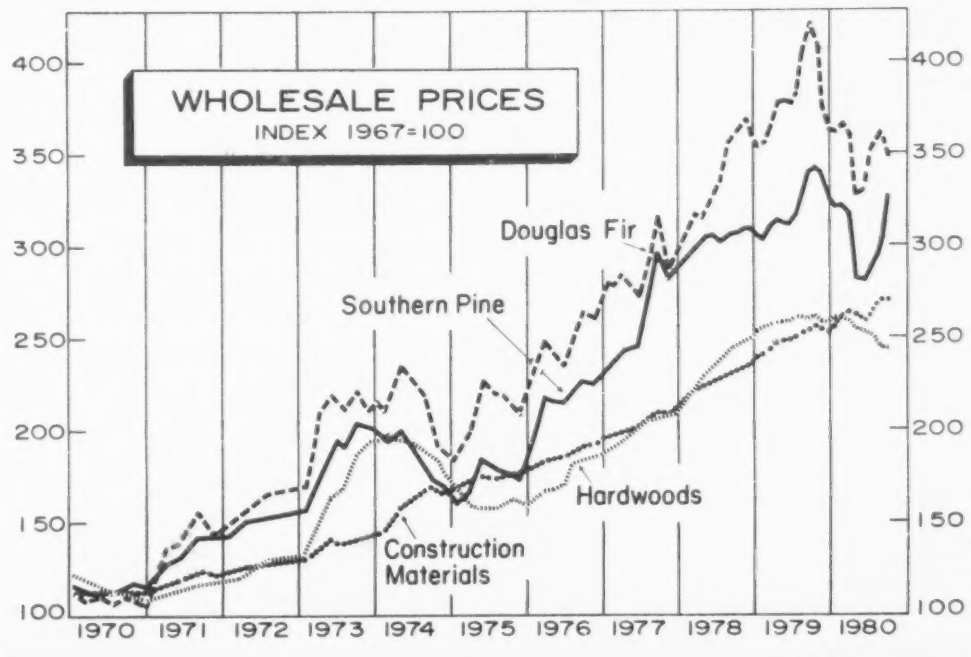
	Production	Shipments	Orders Received
	(Million Board Feet)		
Total Lumber - 8 mos. 1980.	21,210	20,893	20,708
Total Lumber - 8 mos. 1979.	24,949	24,838	24,920
% Change.	-15.0	-15.9	-16.9
Softwood Lumber - 8 mos. '80.	16,261	16,474	16,404
Softwood Lumber - 8 mos. '79.	20,114	20,184	20,407
% Change.	-19.2	-18.4	-19.6
Hardwood Lumber - 8 mos. '80.	4,949	4,419	4,304
Hardwood Lumber - 8 mos. '79.	4,835	4,654	4,513
% Change.	+ 2.4	- 5.0	- 4.6

FOREIGN TRADE STATISTICS

	Aug.'80	Percent Change From July '80	Percent Change From Aug. '79	8 mos.'80	Percent Change From 8 mos.'79
	(Million Board Feet)				
TOTAL U.S. LUMBER IMPORTS	803.8	- 8.2	-23.0	6,442.3	-18.6
Softwoods	783.8	- 7.8	-22.2	6,216.1	-18.6
From Canada	782.5	- 7.8	-22.0	6,196.2	-18.5
Other Sources	1.3	- 4.4	-57.6	19.9	-38.1
Hardwoods	18.4	-19.9	-44.8	203.6	-22.3
From Canada	4.4	- 9.4	-39.8	48.4	-19.0
Other Sources	14.0	-22.7	-46.2	155.1	-23.3
Other (not specified)	1.6	-44.6	-57.3	22.7	+18.3
TOTAL U.S. LUMBER EXPORTS	214.3	+16.7	+12.1	1,740.7	+25.5
Softwoods	168.7	+15.4	+11.8	1,402.5	+23.5
Hardwoods	30.2	+12.8	+11.2	257.8	+28.6
Other (not specified)	15.4	+44.8	+18.0	80.4	+58.0
TOTAL EXPORTS TO CANADA	43.1	+ 0.6	-30.9	435.0	+ 0.4

CONSTRUCTION AND HOUSING STATISTICS

	CURRENT			YEAR-TO-DATE	
	Latest Month Available	% Change From		Latest Period Available	% Change From
	Aug.1980	July 1980	Aug.1979	8 mos.'80	8 mos.'79
Value of all NEW CONSTRUCTION		(Millions of Dollars)			
Put in Place	20,492	+ 2.6	- 8.2	146,861	+ 1.7
Private	15,113	+ 3.8	-11.8	111,851	- 2.0
Residential	7,664	+ 6.4	-20.1	55,794	-12.6
Nonresidential & Other	7,449	+ 1.2	- 1.4	56,057	+11.4
Public	5,379	- 0.7	+ 3.9	35,009	+15.7
	Sept.1980	Aug. 1980	Sept.1979	9 mos.'80	9 mos.'79
NEW HOUSING UNITS STARTED		(Thousands of Units)			
Total Private & Public Starts	139.6	+ 8.2	-14.8	934.9	-31.7
New Private Starts	138.6	+ 7.8	-15.3	929.7	-31.9
Seasonally Adjusted Annual Rates	1544	+ 9.0	-17.6		
One-Family Housing Starts	94.2	+ 2.7	-10.9	625.7	-34.6
(Proportion of Total Starts)	67.5			66.9	
	Aug.1980	July 1980	Aug. 1979	8 mos.'80	8 mos.'79
BUILDING PERMITS AUTHORIZED		(Millions of Dollars)			
All Private Construction	9,121	- 6.5	-13.8	61,378	-13.6
New Housing Units	4,632	+ 2.9	-16.0	27,524	-28.2
New Nonresidential	2,715	-23.4	-29.4	21,190	-13.7
Additions and alterations	1,634	+ 0.4	+47.9	11,852	+60.9
		(Number of Units)			
Shipments of MOBILE HOMES	20,000	+17.6	-31.0	142,100	-25.9



ECONOMIC INDICATORS

U. S. LUMBER CONSUMPTION	CURRENT: Latest Period Available	CURRENT: % Change From		YEAR - TO - DATE: Latest Period Available	YEAR - TO - DATE: % Change From
	QII 1980	QI 1980	QII 1979	6 mos. 1980	6 mos. 1979
		(Million Board Feet)			
Total	8,948	-11.2	-26.0	19,029	-17.8
Softwoods	7,399	-11.1	-28.2	15,719	-19.9
Hardwoods	1,549	-12.0	-13.5	3,310	- 5.7

Total EMPLOYMENT - (Seasonally Adjusted)	Sept. 1980	% Change From: Aug. 1980	% Change From: Sept. 1979
	(Thousands of Employees)		
All Industries	90,296	+ 0.2	0.0
All Manufacturing Industries	20,003	+ 0.3	- 5.1
Lumber and Wood Products	670	+ 1.2	-12.6
Furniture and Fixtures	453	+ 1.1	- 8.9

WHOLESALE PRICES	Sept. 1980	% Change From: Aug. 1980	% Change From: Sept. 1979
	(Index - 1967 = 100)		
All Commodities	274.1	+ 0.4	+ 6.8
All Construction Materials	268.8	0.0	+11.2
Lumber and Wood Products	291.8	- 1.2	- 5.8
All Lumber	326.6	- 2.1	-12.6
Softwood Lumber	347.5	- 2.6	-14.3
Douglas Fir Lumber	349.3	- 2.9	-17.6
Southern Pine Lumber	325.8	+ 7.1	- 5.2
Other Softwood Lumber	368.0	- 2.2	-12.8
Hardwood Lumber	247.8	0.0	- 4.9
Millwork	264.5	+ 1.6	+ 5.4
Softwood Plywood	328.9	- 4.2	- 0.6
Hardwood Plywood	176.3	0.0	+ 1.4
Wood Household Furniture	224.9	+ 0.2	+12.8
Pulp, Paper and Allied Products	252.7	+ 0.2	+13.4
Steel Mill Products	301.0	0.0	+ 5.7
Aluminum Shapes	266.1	0.0	+ 6.5
Concrete Products	277.5	+ 0.6	+11.6
Structural Clay Products	230.2	+ 0.2	+ 2.9

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